GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:900
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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SAINIK SCHOOLS
SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the appalling financial condition of the Sainik Schools;

(b) if so, whether the Government are also aware that because of the substantial increase in the consolidated fees structure from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 40,000/- per annum w.e.f. 1999-2000 parents are being forced to withdraw their children from the schools;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to substantially increase the Centre`s share of scholarship from the existing Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 12,000/-; and

(d) if so, the other steps taken by the Government to improve the financial condition of Sainik Schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) With increase in fees from Rs. 14,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- per annum in all Sainik Schools w.e.f. 1999-2000 and subsequent increase of 10% each year, Schools have become almost self-sustaining.

(b) Yes, Sir. There have been withdrawals from the Schools due to increase in fees.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal under consideration.